

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A lock assembly comprising:
a deadbolt assembly having a deadbolt positioned within a guide that is movable out of the guide between an unlocked position, wherein the deadbolt is in a retracted position within the guide and a locked position, wherein the deadbolt is in an extended position out of the guide;
a first lock actuating means removably connected to the deadbolt for moving the deadbolt between the unlocked and locked positions; and
a second lock actuating means connected to the deadbolt for moving the deadbolt between the unlocked and locked positions and wherein the second lock actuating means has a lockout position wherein the deadbolt is connected to the second lock actuating means but disconnected from the first lock actuating means, rendering the first lock actuating means inoperable,
wherein the second lock actuating means has ~~an arm~~ a T-key that is connected to the deadbolt and the first lock actuating means in the unlocked and locked positions, and wherein the ~~arm~~ T-key is connected to the deadbolt but disconnected from the first lock actuating means in the lockout position,
wherein the deadbolt assembly includes a cam ~~directly~~ connected to the deadbolt for moving the deadbolt between the unlocked and locked positions, and wherein the cam includes a slot for receiving the ~~arm~~ T-key.

2. (Original) The lock assembly of claim 1, wherein in the lockout position the deadbolt is in the locked position and can be moved to the unlocked position by the second lock actuating means but cannot be moved to the unlocked position by the first lock actuating means.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Canceled)

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5. (Currently Amended) The lock assembly of claim 1, wherein the first lock actuating means includes protrusions for receiving the ~~arm~~ T-key.

6. (Original) The lock assembly of claim 1, wherein the first lock actuating means is rotary and the second lock actuating means is rotary.

7. (Currently Amended) The lock assembly of claim 6, wherein the second lock actuating means includes ~~an arm~~ the T-key that engages ~~a slot~~ the slot in ~~a cam~~ the cam that is connected to the deadbolt for moving the deadbolt between the unlocked and locked positions and wherein the first lock actuating means includes protrusions that engage the ~~arm~~ T-key in the unlocked and locked positions but do not engage the ~~arm~~ T-key in the lockout position.

8. (Currently Amended) The lock assembly of claim 7, wherein rotation of the second lock actuating means causes corresponding rotation of the ~~arm~~ T-key, which causes the cam to move the deadbolt between the unlocked and locked positions.

9. (Currently Amended) The lock assembly of claim 7, wherein rotation of the first lock actuating means causes the ~~arm~~ T-key to rotate, which causes the cam to move the deadbolt between the unlocked and locked positions.

10. (Original) The lock assembly of claim 8, wherein the second lock actuating means is mounted on a cover plate that has a protrusion and wherein the second lock actuating means includes an override handle having a groove that mates with the protrusion, such that a relative movement of the override handle with respect to the protrusion of the cover plate causes the override handle to be laterally displaced from the cover, in turn causing the arm to disconnect from the first lock actuating means.

11. (Original) The lock assembly of claim 1, wherein the deadbolt is biased towards the unlocked position.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The lock assembly of claim 11, wherein the deadbolt assembly includes ~~a bolt~~ the bolt guide having an opening for receiving the deadbolt, the opening also having a groove with a snap ring displaced therein and wherein the deadbolt has a shoulder,

such that a compression element disposed between the shoulder and the snap ring biases the deadbolt towards the unlocked position.

14. (Original) The lock assembly of claim 1, wherein the first lock actuating means is mounted to a housing assembly and wherein the lock assembly further includes a force transmission means for transmitting an outside force acting on the first lock actuating means to the housing assembly.

15. (Previously Presented) The lock assembly of claim 14, wherein the first lock actuating means is mounted to the housing assembly through at least one nut and wherein the housing assembly includes a groove with at least one snap ring displaced therein, wherein the at least one snap ring is adjacent to the at least one nut, such that the outside force acting on the first lock actuating means is transferred from the at least one nut to the at least one snap ring to the housing assembly.

16. (Currently Amended) A lock assembly comprising:
a deadbolt assembly having a cam ~~directly~~ connected to a deadbolt positioned within a guide for moving the deadbolt between an unlocked position, wherein the deadbolt is in a retracted position within the guide and a locked position, wherein the deadbolt is in an extended position out of the guide;

a housing assembly having a first rotary lock actuating means removably connected to the deadbolt for moving the deadbolt between the unlocked and locked positions; and

a second rotary lock actuating means connected to the housing assembly and to the deadbolt for moving the deadbolt between the unlocked and locked positions and wherein the second lock actuating means has a lockout position wherein the deadbolt is connected to the second lock actuating means but disconnected from the first rotary lock actuating means, rendering the first rotary lock actuating means inoperable,

wherein the second rotary lock actuating means includes a rotary handle having ~~an arm~~ a T-key that engages a slot in the cam and wherein the first rotary lock actuating means includes protrusions that engage ~~the arm~~ the T-key in the unlocked and locked positions but do not engage ~~the arm~~ the T-key in the lockout position.

17. (Canceled).

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18. (Currently Amended) The lock assembly of ~~claim 17~~ claim 16, wherein rotation of the rotary handle causes a corresponding rotation of ~~the arm~~ the T-key, which causes the cam to move the deadbolt between the unlocked and locked positions.

19. (Currently Amended) The lock assembly of claim 16, wherein rotation of the first rotary lock actuating means causes ~~the arm~~ the T-key to rotate, which causes the cam to move the deadbolt between the unlocked and locked positions.

20. (Currently Amended) The lock assembly of claim 16, wherein the second lock actuating means is mounted on a cover plate that has a protrusion and wherein the second lock actuating means includes an override handle having a groove that mates with the protrusion, such that a relative movement of the override handle with respect to the protrusion of the cover plate causes the override handle to be laterally displaced from the cover, in turn causing ~~the arm~~ the T-key to disconnect from the first rotary lock actuating means.

21. (Original) The lock assembly of claim 16, wherein the deadbolt is biased towards the unlocked position.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Original) The lock assembly of claim 16, further comprising a force transmission means for transmitting an outside force acting on the first rotary lock actuating means to the housing assembly.

24. (Previously Presented) The lock assembly of claim 23, wherein the first rotary lock actuating means is mounted to the housing assembly through at least one nut and wherein the housing assembly includes a groove with at least one snap ring displaced therein, wherein the at least one snap ring is adjacent to the at least one nut, such that the outside force acting on the first rotary lock actuating means is transferred from the at least one nut to the at least one snap ring to the housing assembly.

25. (Canceled).